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Applicant(s): Connolly et al.

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Title: **Method for Controlling Spreading in Semiconductor Laser Diodes**

Examiner: James Menefee

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ELECTION AND TRAVERSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

1. This is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. not indicated) mailed 12/21/01, on which a one-month shortened statutory period for response, with one-month extension, is due to expire January 21, 2002. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$55.00 along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time.

2. Restriction is required between claims 1-11, stated to be drawn to a ridge waveguide with semiconductor laser and claims 12-23, stated to be drawn to a method for forming semiconductor lasers. This basis for restriction is traversed, because the rules specifically permit such related claims to be prosecuted in a single application, so long as not unduly multiplied. In the present instance, there are but 23

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total claims, certainly not an undue number. Separate status in the search files provides no proper basis for restriction.

3. Nevertheless, applicants elect to go forward with claims 1-11.

4. Applicants reserve the right to request joinder of claims 12-23 upon allowance of claims founded on claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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